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Apache Belle Alise Garcia waves her  
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**News in Brief****WEST CAMPUS TESTING CENTER EARNS  
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West Campus received certification from National College Testing Association, soon after the main campus received one last May, making them two of the very few centers in the country to complete certification process.

**TJC'S EARLY COLLEGE HIGH SCHOOL IN CHAPEL  
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New classes being added each year will eventually give Chapel Hill students, from freshman through senior years, an opportunity to earn an associate's degree from TJC by the time they graduate from high school.

**ABBY WALKER THREW A PERFECT GAME DURING  
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The softball team began their 2016 campaign going 5-0 at the Galveston College Tournament. The highlight of the tournament came when sophomore pitcher, Abby Walker, threw a perfect game against Galveston College with a record 12 strikeouts of the minimum 21 batters faced.

**TJC NAMED ONE OF THE TOP 150 COMMUNITY  
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**TJC INDUCTS NINE NEW MEMBERS INTO THE  
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# Hoverboards labeled a fire hazard but still on campus



Photo by Haley Huston

**TAJAUN SALAHUDDIN BALANCES ON HIS HOVERBOARD OUTSIDE OF VAUGHN LIBRARY**  
Salahuddin, Ornelas Resident, demonstrates his hoverboard and ability to balance and bring it to a stop with ease.

By Haley Huston  
Editor-in-Chief

Over 30 colleges across the nation, including at least two in Texas have banned hoverboards over fire concerns.

Hoverboards were the hottest gift this past Christmas, but after several reports of them catching fire, Amazon sent out a notice, and the product went under investigation. The United States Consumer Product Safety Commission has released statements confirming an investigation, encouraging people to stop buying them and urging retailers to follow Amazon's lead and stop selling them.

"At CPSC, our investigators and engineers continue to work diligently to find the root cause of the hover board fires that have occurred throughout the country," Elliot F. Kaye wrote in a statement released online.

Although what causes them to spontaneously burst into flames is still unknown, many believe the lithium-ion batteries used in them are the problem.

"CPSC staff is focusing on the components of the lithium-ion battery packs and well as the interaction with the circuit boards," said Kaye. "There are certain safety technologies we expect these units to have that should prevent overheating and potential combustion."

These safety technologies are very common and found in most cell phones and computers.

TJC's current policy allows hover boards to be used on campus outside of building on sidewalks and parking lots.

"Right now, we are taking the wait and see, we have heard some of these national reports of the batteries catching on fire," said Chief of Campus Police

Randy Melton. "We don't know enough about this. Is it certain brands, you know if there are different brands or models or certain kinds of batteries we haven't had a reportable offensive of this reported on campus."

Several students on campus who own hoverboards live on campus, but don't believe there is any danger to worry about, such as Tajaun Salahuddin

"I feel it is kind of over hyped and a lot of it is just spite because they don't have one," said Salahuddin. "So they are going to say 'I don't want one of those they explode anyway.'"

Salahuddin got a hoverboard over break for Christmas. He stores and charges it in his dorm room and doesn't believe any new rules will change that.

"No, I don't think that [a ban] will happen here unless a major incident happened," said Salahuddin. "I think that is kind of a rushed stereotype because they had no firsthand knowledge on it or no secondhand knowledge on it. Somebody on the internet said somebody said this and so they're like okay this happened somewhere in the world so it can't be here."

The colleges that have banned hoverboards did a lot of research before reaching the decision. Texas A&M University - Commerce sent students and email on Jan. 26 letting them know the possession, use, charging and storage of hoverboards is prohibited in all campus owned and lease properties.

"There were several discussions or several reports, I'm sure you've seen across national local media sparking a debate on hoverboards," said Derek Preas, Director of Commerce University Project Office. "Considering it was one

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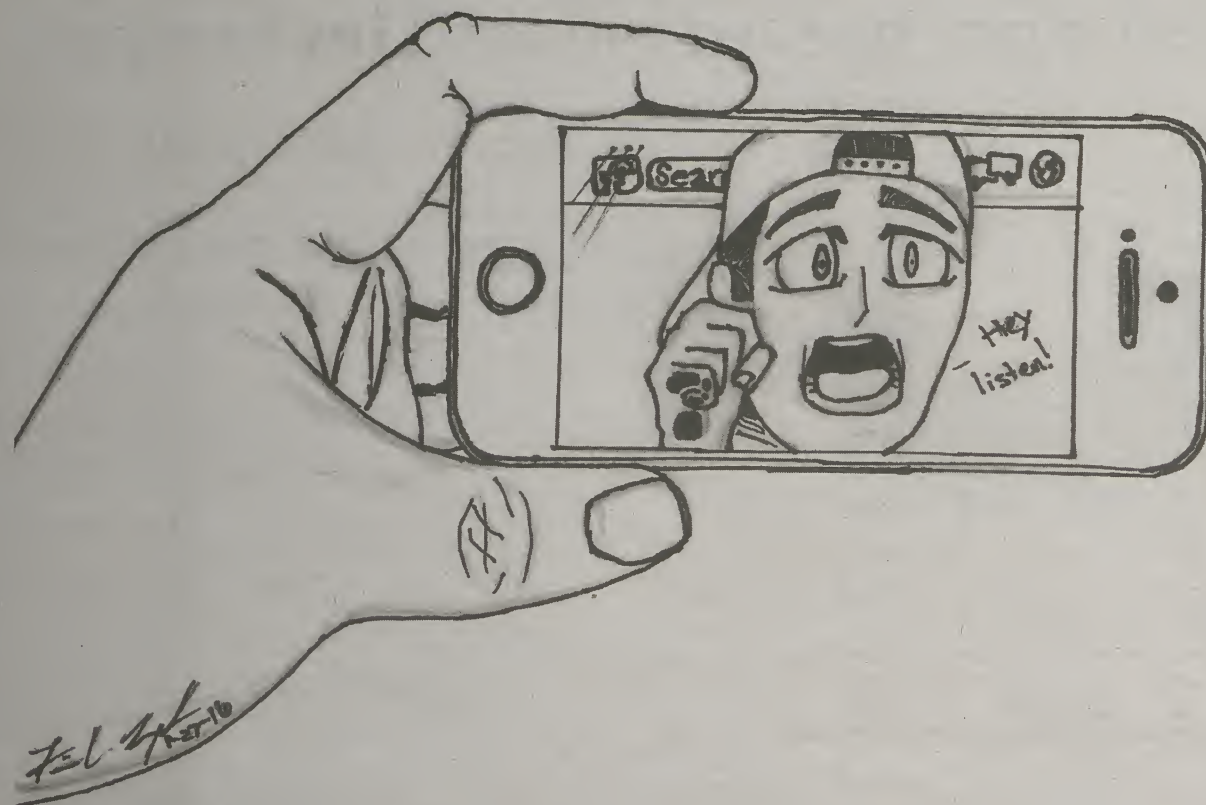
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BY FAVIAN QUEZADA

## Cuss words are just sentence enhancers

### Column

"Watch your mouth," the words used throughout childhood and much of young adulthood to deter the youths of America to not use "dirty words". Even at the age of 40, there are situations and places where the use of profanity is a taboo; drawing stares and, in some cases, looks of incredulity. Like, the elderly woman who elbows her half-deaf husband and whispers, "Such a foul mouth. His mother should be ashamed." Still, most of us would "watch our mouths" at church or if finding oneself in any location chatting with a priest. Some grow up being told that cussing is a sin. Many grow up being told to "watch your mouth" by hypocritical parents who use those same words as casually as drinking a soda – "do what I tell you, not what I do."

We go from high school where the attempt is made to put on an outward appearance of at least semi-pious social standards, to the hallowed halls of higher education where it's cool to be the professor who throws out the childhood rule book and says, "We're all adults here. Besides, they're only words."

It's that first time sitting in class where the teacher blurts out a "bad word" and doesn't bat an eye that elicit some inner response of revelation.

First, there's the questioning moment of "did I just hear what I think I heard?" Then, the recognition of knowing that teacher just said something that your mother would slap for saying. Followed by, the small giggle of understanding that social norms have just been broken. Finally, the realization that the world has changed in some way and an unsaid permission has been given to break from what has been ingrained in the brain regarding social behavior.

The permission doesn't mean you can be Katt Williams or Eddie Murphy (Raw, not his new stuff) in every classroom. Even in this newspaper, we are not permitted to use all the good sentence enhancers. All things in moderation and definitely with some boundaries that should be common sense. Not long

ago, a teacher (whose name will not be used) walked through a hall and passed a student (whose name will also not be used) whom she had flunked for plagiarism the previous semester. He looked at her as she passed and said "F\*\*\* you" then, when she turned around and looked at him, he smiled,

waved and walked away. A report was filed, but even without any intervention from authority figures at TJC, it should be a matter of courtesy to not use any words, much less profane words, to hurt or defame another person. At this point in life, aside from FCC regulations regarding broadcasting and print, the words are not as important as the way they are used, as with the student mentioned here.

Some teachers who hear it from students, even when they don't use the words themselves, simply don't pay any attention to it. Tina Bausinger, English



Carl Speaks  
Copy Editor

# More screen time than face time

## Editorial

In such a technological age, it is no surprise that it has affected the way people interact with each other on a day-to-day basis, but it is a little surprising how drastically it has happened. Pew Research recently released a study that analyzed how teens, technology and friendship are all connected. The study focused on people between the ages of 13 to 17, but at TJC the average of students is between 18 and 20, so there isn't a huge age difference and a lot of the statistics seemed very relatable to life in college.

For example, the study shows that more than half of teens will text friends daily, but only see their friends in person every day 25 percent of the time. This seems plausible because there are several people at college who would agree that they have friends that stay in contact daily, but they don't see each other very often. In college it is even plausible that the number of times you would see your friends would drop because balancing school, work and social life isn't always easy. Texting helps maintain friendships that wouldn't survive the distance and time that they would have suffered without it.

Texting aside, many people still maintain this virtual relationship using social media. There are lots of people with 1,000 or more friends, but don't even know half the people that they are friends with or follow. This has become such a common practice that people don't even pause to think about it anymore. Most people even give their usernames to people they meet for the first time so that they can grow a possible friendship.

Social media has provided a window in to life that wasn't there before. Instead of news traveling through word of mouth, it now spreads through a continuous feed of information that is easily accessed. Without things such as Instagram and Facebook, would your friends know as much about what you were doing and eating? Unsurprisingly, girls use social media more than boys, especially in the way they interact with it. Girls are more likely to delete or block someone on social media after a friendship ends than boys.

The problem with this new technology is the space for drama and miscommunication that it creates. Even celebrities have engaged in this online drama through things like "twitter beef" and "Facebook wars." The study showed that 23 percent of teens said that people were "stirring up drama" frequently on social media. Boys, however, interacted more with people through online gaming. 34 percent



said they play online with friends daily and another 33 percent admitted to playing weekly with friends. 54 percent of boys said they meet new friends through online gaming.

Statistics aside, that is lot of people that would have never been friends without technology, but would friendships be fewer and stronger without it? Current generations seem more socially awkward than ever before and suffer from more social anxiety than people from generation X and older.

This seems to have a major effect on the way we date because 90 percent of communication is through body language. It is impossible to read the body language through text messages. This could lead to a different understanding of what the relationship is or the direction it is headed in. Not only that, but it is not unheard of for someone to be completely amazing over the phone or social media and

then just not be what you expect in person.

How to find someone has changed, but also technology has affected the way couples interact after getting in a relationship. Couples find themselves in a constant contact either through cell phone, IM or various social media. This can put pressure on a relationship, even the most compatible people will run out of things to talk about. This continuous communication is also a contributing cause to gestures of affection.

Twenty years ago, if two people wanted to get to know each other, they had to go out on a date. Now, they exchange numbers and essentially become whoever they say they want to be. Not that every person wants to lie about who they are, but being in digital communication can take the edge off.

People say things that they normally wouldn't have the guts to say in person because there is a certain safety in texting.



## CUSSING

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teacher at TJC says, "I kind of ignore it ... unless it's just blatantly disrespectful."

With centuries of people being told not to use profanity; being told that cussing is wrong; even being told that the use of such words is sinful, how many have really asked, "why are they bad?"

Words like "hell" or variations of "damnation" were originally taboo because of the fear behind their meaning. Using the word describing the place that sinners go after death or the punishment they would receive in the afterlife, out of context was just not done. It might invite bad spirits to join those who did so.

As for the other, juicier, words, let's start with "the B word". Its initial definition was "A female dog in heat." To refer to a woman in this manner was making a reference to that. Its social definition seems to have changed quite a bit. A guy called that is thought to be acting cowardly or like a little girl. A girl called that is thought of as overly and outwardly mean.

There are so many words that describe male and female body parts that, often, inference or surrounding context is used to know what is being referred to. It is often men who get referred to as being compared to these parts. If a guy called the word that refers to male genitals, it is like "the B word" for women - their male counterparts (A\*\* hole is also a common reference, though one seems to be a more severe version of the other.) A guy referred to as the female part is considered cowardly, though the word seems to have some extra grit behind it than just calling him a coward. And of course, someone of

lower intelligence can be referred to as a boob. Not really a bad word, but since we're on the subject, it's worth mentioning.

The worst of the words come, not from some biblical ideology of sin, but from simple social class separation. Several centuries ago, the upper class spoke either French or Latin. To speak in the tongue of the Anglo Saxon was considered low class - even trashy. Guess where most "cuss" words come from? That's right, Anglo Saxon words are where the majority come from. That is why it's okay to say "fornicate" (a word derived from French language) but not the other more colorful and popular "F" word. The "S" word has become so versatile that it is used for multiple forms of language - verb, adjective, noun ... so on. It can even be used to describe its literal meaning, fecal matter.

Twenty years ago, public television and local broadcast channels would not use any of these words. Over time, some have become acceptable after a certain time of night, until up to now when even more words are acceptable on shows broadcast at any time of day. Not all, but many. Perhaps we are heading for a time when the taboo of profanity is seen as the antiquated difference from high-class and low-class words used and just seen as words. For now, the use of these words should be edited in conversation based on situation. When speaking to someone whose belief is that they are "bad words" then it is a good idea for social graces and respect of their beliefs to "watch your mouth". Don't be an "A-hole" it's only polite.

# the inbox

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## Campus bookstore not meeting demand of supplies for students

Dear Editor,

I am writing to you about my concerns with the shortage of books in the campus bookstore. What is most frustrating to me is that with it being an on campus bookstore, I would assume that they have access to enrollment records and should know how many books they need to have available for students in each class.

I feel as though it only makes sense to make sure that there is always some of each book in stock, especially from a financial standpoint. If the bookstore has access to numbers and can assure that they are the go-to place for buying books it could possibly bring in more revenue and cut out some of the competition.

Not being able to find a book is not just due to procrastination either. Many of my peers have encountered this same problem. At least twice in the past two semesters each, I have gone to buy or rent a book and it is out of stock. Even more frustrating is the fact that they

cannot give an exact date of when they will receive more of the book.

I know most would suggest I just find the book online or somewhere else. My main problem with that is that, being a student who receives financial aid and scholarship, I have left over money on my account and would like to use the money given to fund my education, towards materials used to educate me rather than getting behind on assignments because I have to wait for a refund to order a book from a third party all because the bookstore did not have it here.

And then even if I was to order the book from a third party, it takes time to get it shipped and delivered, and because the bookstore cannot let me know an exact date in most cases, I am at a loss on deciding whether to trust that the bookstore will get the book in before the estimated delivery from say chegg.com or amazon.

Sincerely,  
Haley Schukei

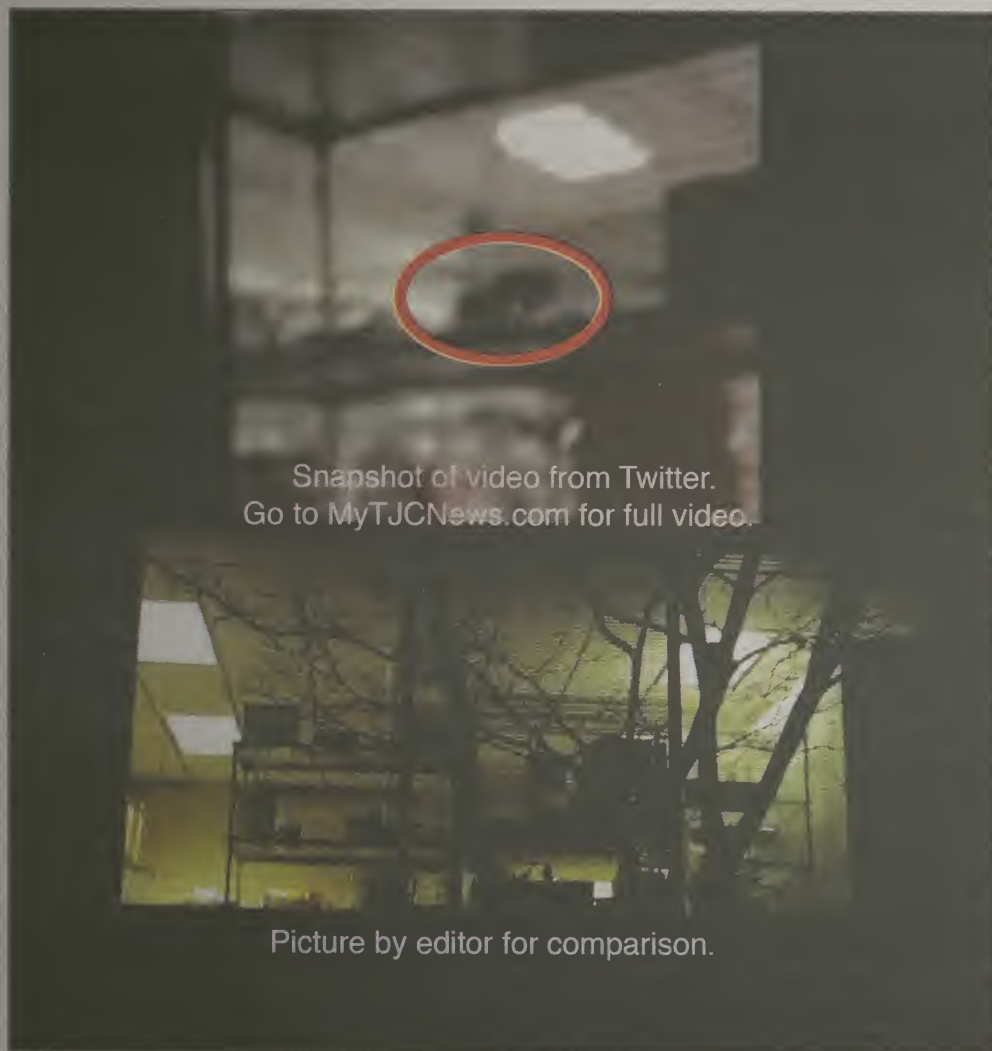
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# Twitter video showed rats in cafeteria over break



Snapshot of video from Twitter.  
Go to MyTJCNews.com for full video.

Picture by editor for comparison.

Photo Illustration by Marshall Cearfoss

**RATS PLAYING ON FOOD SHELVES** A video posted on Twitter shows rats jumping on food shelves that can be seen from the sidewalk on the back side of Rogers Student Center. The Video was posted in early January, while the Apache Junction was closed for Christmas break.

By Haley Huston  
Editor-in-Chief

A video on Twitter showed rats in the cafeteria storage room, but the college passed a surprise health inspection on Jan. 15.

A video posted on Twitter in early January showed three rats on the shelves of a food storage room used by the Apache Junction.

It was taken by students from the sidewalk behind Rogers Student Center after dark, when the light left on in the room allowed the students to see the rats jumping around on the shelves inside.

The video was retweeted over 25 times and then taken down by the end of the month, but college officials assure students that there are no rats in the cafeteria to worry about.

"The college was shut down," said Mike Metke, President of the college. "Every time the college is shut down they'll try to get in the doors because there is not a lot of food outside."

Director of Environmental Health and Safety Compliance Robby Underwood said that the biggest problem faced on campus with pest control is the improper disposal of trash.

"I will find McDonald's bags in the parking lot and food that has just been discarded," said Juan Mejia, provost and vice president for Academic and Student Affairs. "It looks like people just opened the door and then placed it on the ground and that just draws something closer and closer."

Metke and Mejia both agree that an incident like this could have happened anywhere, and Metke said he would continue eating in the cafeteria.

"The college went through inspections, we monitor everything. If there ever is a problem we are aware of, we are top of it immediately"

-Mike Metke  
President, Tyler Junior College

"If there ever is a problem we are aware of, we are on top of it immediately."

The cafeteria is inspected yearly by the Texas Department of State Health Services and scores on a scale of one to a 100.

"I took the liberty of and went back over the last three or four years and pulled the inspections reports," said Underwood.

Underwood said Apache Junction scored a 99 in 2013, 96 in 2014, 100 in 2015 and a 86 on Jan. 15, 2016 when the department responded to a call after someone saw the video.

## Four student senate officers appointed to fill vacancies

### Several student senate officers appointed without a student vote

By Irene Campos  
News Editor

Every fall, the Student Senate Officers are elected by the student body with a majority vote. The key word in that statement is "elected". Yet, this spring of 2016, the students did not get a vote. Instead, the Student Senate was appointed.

The student senate officers appointed were: Abi Wil-

liams (Freshmen VP), Matthew Hughes (Sergeant At Arms), Alyson Herberger (Executive Secretary) and Chloe Cabrera (Ambassador of Organizations).

"When vacancies occur, we do appoint officers to fill those vacant positions," said Lauren Tyler, the Director of Student Life and Senate Advisor, when asked why the Student Senators were appointed.

In the student handbook, the Student Senate constitution allows an officer, as Tyler stated, to be appointed when positions are empty.

"The former executive secretary and ambassador both graduated in December and transferred on to Universities," said Tyler in regards to the appointment of Alyson Herberger (Executive Secretary) and Chloe Cabrera (Ambassador of Organizations).

It's no question that the Student Senate holds an ample amount of power acting as the "government" of the school. They are the people that students can take their complaints, concerns or inquiries to have them heard. They can also make suggestions about what might be best for the students or what the students might enjoy. It's their responsibility to make college life fun and enjoyable for the students. Especially those students who have traveled far away from their homes and families. Who better to understand what a college student feels, or enjoys, than a fellow student?

The reason colleges have Student Senates is to get a better understanding of what a student needs firsthand. The reason these Student Senators are elected and not appointed

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Photo by Irene Campos

**STUDENT SENATE** Lauren Tyler stands outside the Apache Rooms before OrgSync Meeting

is in the Student Senate Constitution.

"We the students, of Tyler Junior College, in order to establish an official student government, promote the interests and opinions of the Student Body, enhance the quality and scope of education, undertake projects and programs beneficial to the student body and local community, and be the resounding voice of all students, do hereby ordain and establish this constitution for the Student Senate

pointed to the job can't exactly represent the student body. Because to really represent the student body, the students should get to have a say. It just makes sense."

Some students have the same views Martinez does, but other students disagree. and say the appointment of the senate officers was no cause for concern for them.

The importance of the Student Senate shouldn't be understated. They play a vital role in the function

**"Senates appointed to the job can't exactly represent the student body. Because to really represent the student body, the students should get to have a say. It just makes sense."**

-Joshua Martinez  
Student, Tyler Junior College

of Tyler Junior College," according to Preamble of Student Senate Constitution.

When asked how he felt about this, Joshua Martinez, a freshman Kinesiology major, said, "Senates ap-

of TJC. The Student Senate is there to help students connect with the student community, to get them active in the organizations and to give the students a wonderful experience in there time at TJC.

# HOVERBOARDS

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of the hottest Christmas presents this year we started looking at reports that came from the state Fire Marshall from the NDA from the consumer product safety council and other large entities from across the nation and we felt it was warranted enough investigation to registered concern and so after we took all of these reports into consideration for the protection of our university property, occupants and investors to make the ban at this time."

The topic of hoverboard was discussed by multiple departments at Commerce, including the senior staff, the president and vice president of college, residential learning and living staff, university project office and the department of safety.

"It was a long time coming, we started this about a year ago," said Preas "We started following it and once we saw a couple of reports we started looking into it. It was not a spur of the moment decision it was a period of almost a year."

After the issue became serious enough the problem began to look closer into before making a university wide decision.

"It was three departments, my department, police department and RLL that started looking into it several months ago," said Preas. "About a month ago we brought a report to our executive staff. It was a combination of at least eight months' worth of watching it."

Commerce isn't the only school with a ban on hoverboards, some schools like Southern Methodist University have a partial ban that only covers residential halls on campus.

Currently hover boards are allowed in residential halls at TJC.

"Our policy with hover boards is a same as

with bikes and skate boards," said Assistant Director of Housing Aukse Harris in a statement. "As long as they are not using them in the halls, we are fine with them. Students can store them in their rooms too."

It has been argued that these hoverboards are convenient and help students get to class on time, but at an obvious risk.

"We see the distance of campus between our buildings and there is a short period of time between classes," said Melton. "This helps to convenient our students to get from one place to the other. So this will aid them to get to class on time. That is one of our reason for allowing these."

The hoverboards are allowed to be used as long as the riders are being cautious and aware of their surroundings, but accidents are still a risk for both riders and pedestrians.

"A girl stepped out in front of me when I was going pretty fast," said Salahuddin. "I was going pretty fast and I saw my friend so I started slowing down and she was in my group of friends and was about to leave. So she stepped out I was coming like this and I had to go backwards and then come back forward. I didn't fall, I landed on my feet but I flailed like a chicken, She said she was so sorry and I was like you know be aware that there are people."

All this doesn't alter Salahuddin's view on his hoverboard in the slightest, and admits that the reports weren't enough to make him do any research on it.

"I still didn't care," said Salahuddin. "I mean if it blows up or caught on fire while I was riding it I hope someone would record so I would look cooler."

## Alternative to hoverboards is unique and won't catch fire

Ryan Hall, student, it is. came back from Christmas break with a transportation device that wasn't a hoverboard and not a fire risk.

"I wanted to get me something kind of like the hoverboard, but then I found out they were being recalled and, compared to the hoverboard, you don't have to worry about the battery, or it catching on fire," said Hall.

He ended buying the freestyle slalom skateboard from hammacher.com for just under \$200. This part bicycle, scooter and skateboard combination has made several people ask Hall what

Most everyone asks about it," said Hall.

Hall is very happy with his board and even believes it is easier to learn and use than the hoverboard.

"It looks more difficult, and most people want to hold on to this handle to start out, but they say don't do that," said Hall

He said it's all about balance and suggested practicing like someone with arms out wide.

He often brings his slalom board to campus and usually demonstrates when asked.



Photo by Haley Huston

**ALTERNATIVE TO HOVERBOARDS THAT ARE SAFE FROM FIRE RISK** Ryan Hall demonstrates his Freestyle Slalom Skateboard he got from hammacher.com



# College students trade fried foods for fruits and veggies

## Statisically Millennials are showing greater interest in health

By Julia Contarelli  
Student Life Editor

Healthy food is more expensive than fast food, but the Millennials are reaching into their pockets to try to keep up with a healthy diet and working out to achieve a fit body.

"If healthy restaurants were cheaper, more people would eat at healthy restaurants," said Shelbee Brewer, TJC student majoring in Nursing. "As soon as I get my paycheck, I go out to eat in a nice place."

According to monitoringthefuture.org, the majority of the Millennials (people who were born between 1980s to the early 2000s) worry about their bodies and what they are putting in them.

**"I love the one dollar menu at McDonald's, but I try to resist the temptation, you know? I try to eat a banana instead, or other fruits. I love fruits."**

-Shelbee Brewer

Healthy eater, Tyler Junior College Student

"I love the one dollar menu at McDonald's, but I try to resist the temptation, you know? I try to eat a banana instead, or other fruits. I love fruits." Said Brewer.

The dollar menu at McDonald is a heavy temptation for college students who are out of money, according to Brewer. But statistics show



Photo by Julia Contarelli

**ERICA WESLEY MAINTAINS HER HEALTHY LIFESTYLE WHILE STUDYING**  
Erica Wesley eats a banana and an orange while working on homework in her dorm at Ornelas.

that many McDonald's have been closing because they are not the success they used to be.

"The restaurant company closed 350 stores in early 2015, on top of the 350 it had already said it would shut, as the burger purveyor seeks to stanch sales declines."

Brewer claims Salsarita's as her favorite fast food place. While other students at TJC claimed Chipotle, Chick-Fil-A or other sandwich places as their favorite fast foods. But this generation isn't only getting healthier on the food aspect; the exercise aspect is also better than the last generation.

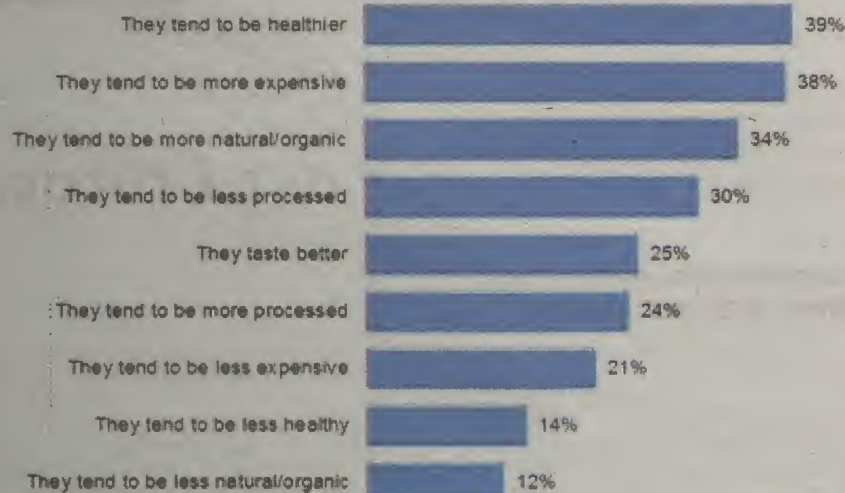
The trend for a few years now has been working out and eating healthy to keep up with a fit body. The fitness lifestyle is growing and, together with it the life expectancy, has exceeded the last generation.

"I work out a least four days a week. I feel in shape if I work four days a week. Less than that I feel like I haven't accomplished anything," said Erica Wesley, TJC student majoring in Biology.

Working out became an important part of many Millennials routine and is common to see them proudly showing their progress over the weeks/months on Instagram or other social media.

When typing "Millennials are" on Google the first results that show up are "old news," "lazy entitled narcissists," "screwed," "drinking so much wine" and "the worst." When in reality this generation has shown a better lifestyle with food and exercise than past ones.

### How Millennials Believe Their Food Products/Brands Differ from Those of Their Parents



Source: The Culture of Millennials 2011 report, The Hartman Group, Inc.

### MILLENNIALS FACTS

Millennials really like athletic brands.

-Company Data, Goldman Sachs  
Global Investment Research

Millennials are less likely to form households in their 20s and early 30s.

-US Census Bureau

Millennials are more health-conscious than older generations.

-What's Your Health Survey, Aetna  
2013



# Live with your parents, a stranger or friends

## Students weigh the pros and cons of housing options for college

By Marshall Cearfoss  
Web Editor

With fewer millennials living independently each year, the choice to live at home or on campus is often the most financially important choice a student could make.

"What I find for a lot of reasons why students choose to stay at home," said Aukse Harris, the assistant director of Residential Life at TJC. "Especially if the college is within driving distance, ultimately is because of the cost. You don't have to pay rent, you don't have to pay utilities, you have free food, you have free laundry. You always come home to love and support. Moms can come in the room and pick up and things like that."

The cost of housing at TJC is \$1,510 per semester for most of the residence halls, \$2,560 for Ornelas and \$2,970 for Crossroads.

"I know a lot of young people talk about home environments being bad," said Harris. "But very often it's because parents have expectations and certain requirements for them to have proper behavior. But there are situations where students don't have that yet still choose to leave."

Kids moving away from parents is a big responsibility and Harris believes that it means growing up and learning responsibility.

"This is the time that you don't get woken up in the morning, and you have to learn to be a good roommate," said Harris. "Before, you lived in a room on your own, but now you share a room; you share a bathroom. Maybe even with more than one person. You know, that could be your life-long friend."

Although Harris did acknowledge that everyone's reasons for living on or off campus vary from person to person.

The opinion of on-campus living often depends on the people asked.

"One con is if you have bad roommates," said Shelby Luptak, a TJC student and Ornelas resident, "that's not very good, but I've had awesome roommates."

Olivia Wynn, also an Ornelas resident, expressed a more critical view of the same dorms.

**"People play really loud music, like bumpin' music, at like, 10 at night, so you have to talk to the RA to get them to turn it down and then they don't turn it down. That's frustrating."**

-Olivia Wynn  
TJC student, Ornelas Resident

Wynn explained also how the mandatory meal plan, which costs an extra \$1,190 per semester, isn't necessarily for everyone.

"The meal plan is kind of annoying," said Wynn, "because I don't eat at the cafeteria very often. So it sucks that I have to pay money for that and not really use it."

Despite some negative mentions, both Wynn and Luptak spoke highly of the convenience of on-campus living.



Photo by David Torres

**ON CAMPUS LIVING IS NEVER A MOMENT ALONE** Deja Nash studies in the lobby while Aaron Gorski asks for help. The tuition increasing, the cost of living on campus is having to be taken more into consideration.

"I can sleep in until 10:30 a.m. and get to my 11 a.m. class on time," said Wynn.

Luptak agreed living on campus was convenient but also helped you get a college experience you don't get off campus.

"It's nice being away from home," said Luptak. "You can easily go next door and ask someone for help with any homework, so there's always someone to help you. I feel more connected to the campus."

Ran Carver, a Freshman who used to lived in TJC dorms for his first semester, has now moved back home with his family.

"It's just a different kind of [independence] where I'm more independent, even more so than what they have in the dorms where they still have rules and this kind of stuff- regulations."

**"Living at home is more independent than at the dorms, in my experience in this last semester, anyway."**

-Ran Carver  
TJC student, non-resident

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# EMERGENCY

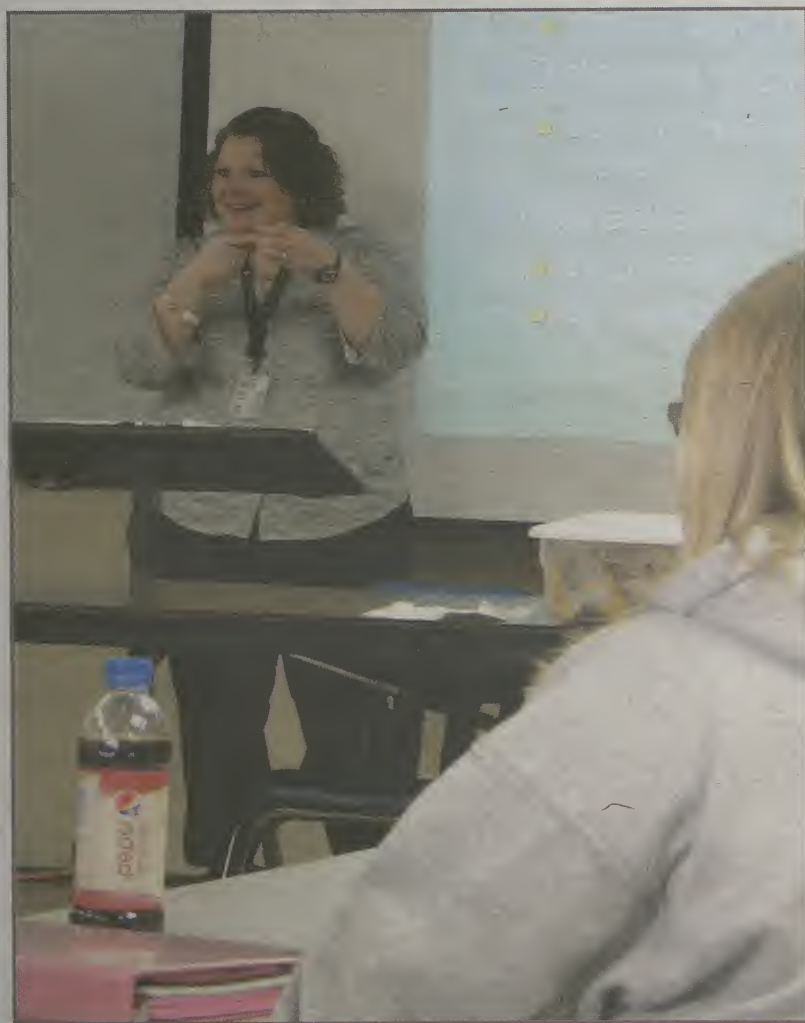


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**ANYTHING BUT SILENT CLASS** (above) Professor Laura Hill, one of the deaf faculty, uses Sign Language to instruct her Intermediate ASL class on their lesson.

## ASL department requesting safer alarm systems that meet deaf faculty's classrooms needs

By Emily Attebery  
Managing Editor

Silence fills the room until it's cut through with sudden, unexpected laughter. Communication has been sent and received without the median of voices, but that's normal. It's how the ASL (American Sign Language) program works.

People communicate, deaf and hearing, through the use of their hands, not their voices. And although a unique ability, the use of many more senses would enhance safety in case of an emergency. The ASL program is currently adding another year (at least since 2008) in their attempt to receive better security measures for deaf students and faculty.

"We're trying to make sure we're just safe, and my job is to make sure that my faculty are safe, and my students, too, but my faculty can't keep the students safe if they don't know what's going on," said Rhonda McKinzie, professor and Department Chair for Sign Language Interpreting.

The issue is that the emergency alert systems at TJC are barely modified toward a deaf person's needs. They work well for someone who can hear, but in the deaf world, more precautions are essential for safety.

Currently the main TJC campus has fire alarms in place, red bar immediate notification systems on the school's website and a text

messaging system called Apache Alerts. However for deaf faculty or students, not all of these systems are the most efficient way to let them know of an emergency.

"You say you have the red banner that goes on the TJC website, the problem with that is that we teach, and we don't even look at the computer, and our phones, we don't look at either," said Laura Hill, a deaf professor for the ASL program.

The Apache Alert texting system works only as a mass message, not for people to reply back if needed.

**"We're trying to make sure we're just safe, and my job is to make sure that my faculty are safe and my students too."**

-Rhonda McKinzie  
Professor and Department Chair for Sign Language Interpreting

"If we respond to an emergency or fire alarm, we will send an officer to your [ASL] department," said Chief Randy Melton with the campus police.

Other than the electronic alerts, campus police will have an officer

sent to alert the ASL area. Yet there are concerns that, if the emergency is something other than a fire, like an active shooter, how will an officer get to the area? An officer's first response is to get to the threat.

The ASL faculty have video phones where they can call each other through cameras on TV's, similar to the Skype website and app. However, those may not be accessible if there's an active shooter in the building, and the video phone is located across the hall. Sometimes the screen freezes up as well. There are also apps that have the same function as a video phone, but the screen is smaller on a phone than a TV and the Wi-Fi on campus does not always function properly.

Other details, such as the lower Pirtle

Photos by Emily Attebery  
(RIGHT)

Examples of how some of the fire alarms look on the TJC campus.





hall doors opening outward instead of inward, cause issues for safety. Or a single fire alarm light that doesn't work in one particular classroom where a deaf professor teaches, all cause larger threats for a deaf person than a hearing person might think of as important.

The ASL faculty is asking for a different kind of alert system that could be placed near the area of their offices and classes. There are systems that flash different colors of lights, representing different messages, which would alert a deaf person to look at their phone or computer for the message.

Their main request is to obtain an electronic marquee that could be placed in each of the ASL classrooms and offices that could read any message or instruction of an emergency situation. The Simplex alert systems that TJC uses have capabilities to be upgraded to flashing strobe lights as well as other forms of readable emergency technology.

There are three deaf faculty members in the ASL program, and in case of an emergency, they would mainly be dependent on their students, other teachers or police to alert them. They would not have a way to know to take action for themselves.

"You know if our deaf teachers are in there they don't have anybody, what if they're ASL 1 and their students don't know how to sign yet?" said Ms. McKinzie.

Mrs. Laura Hill, one of the deaf professors at the ASL program, had an incident a few years ago where she was not alerted of a fire. In the Rogers Student Center, a fire alarm light didn't work in the room she was working in, when a small fire started in the cafeteria below. The building was evacuated and eventually an officer came by and accused her of refusing to leave the building, when she was not aware anything was wrong. Similar incidents have also occurred with the other deaf faculty.

"I feel like where is our protection, our security and I've been here since 2010 and we've had nothing, nothing's been done since then," said Mrs. Hill about the situation.

A main concern for obtaining new technology is the amount of money it would cost. Location of the technology would be another

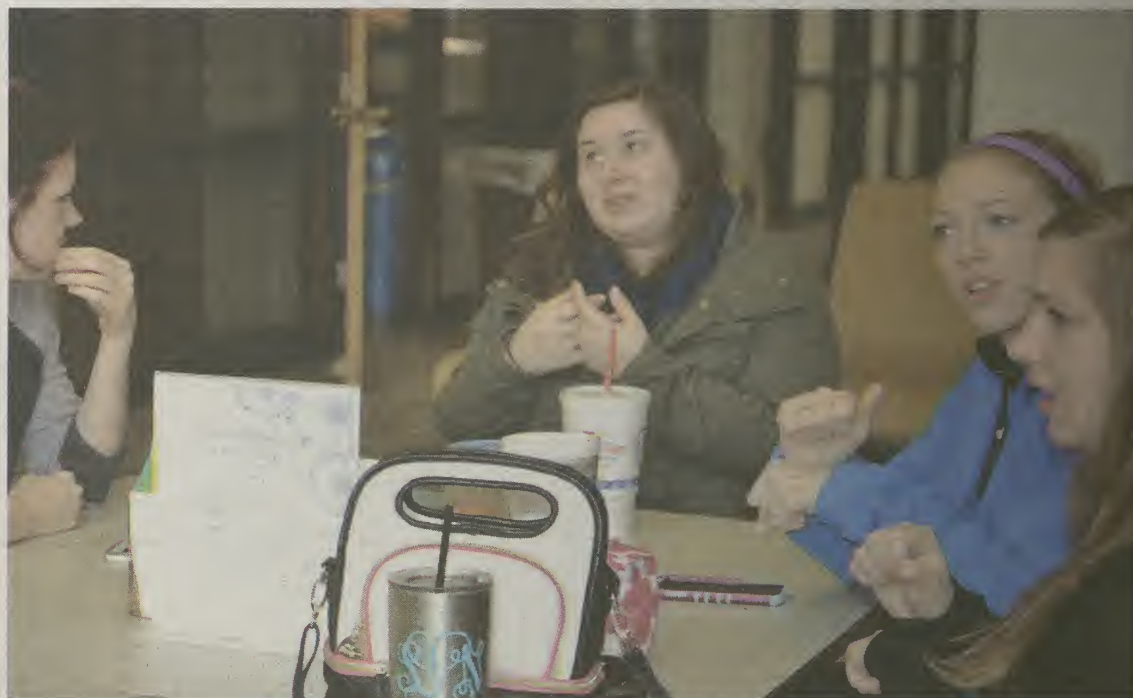
matter, where investing money in buildings with an unclear future, such as Pirtle Technology, are not high on the to-do list. Grants for such technology are available though.

"The ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act), have grants for institutions, and businesses, which might qualify for getting the equipment that we need for accessibility," said Patrick Grona, an ASL Adjunct Professor.

A similar alert system to Simplex, the Alertus Technologies Mass Notification System (MNS) offers resources for grants of different

specifications, including the 'Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) and Readiness and Emergency Management for Schools (REMs), among others.

When it may not seem as big of a concern to some, it is for others. When there's security at stake, both sides should try to be on the same page. Campus police is currently looking into the future to try and get the upgraded Simplex alarm systems, but until any action can be taken, the school will have to do research and approve it.



Photos by Emily Attebery

**(ABOVE) EARLY TO RISE EARLY TO PRACTICE** ASL students practice their signing skills before heading to class.

**(LEFT) TALKING WITH HER HANDS** Katelin Sikes responds to a conversation by spelling out a word.



# Women look for a strong finish to claim a spot in national tournament



Photo by Haley Huston

**ONE ON ONE AND READY FOR THE PLAY** Autumn Avinacilla (5) looks to beat the press and get open for the lady apaches as she waits for the ball.

By Nick Vaughn  
Sports Editor

Since the break started back in December, the women's team seems to be playing some of their best basketball of the season. Just in time, as conference play comes to an end and the playoffs are in the distant future.

Of the team's three losses this season, only one occurred after the break. Six games have been won by margins in the double digits, with one win by a huge 50 points lead!

The girls seem to have really caught fire, offensively and, though they suffered a loss on Jan. 20 to Trinity Valley, it was the team's first loss since Dec. 8 and ended a great eight-win streak, their second longest win streak of the season. The only streak was longer was the team's start to the season in which they won their first nine games before dropping two games back to back -- the only back to back loss of the season.

Looking at the first half of the season and how the women handled the conference schedule, there wasn't another team that completely dominated the women.

Though the loss to Trinity Valley by 24 points, the numbers show that it is unlikely to repeat.

The teams other two losses were by a combined 11 points. Trinity Valley was their biggest loss, but they will meet again on Feb. 13 in Tyler.

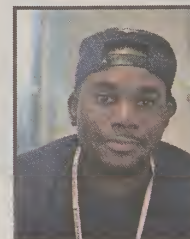
Before that game, another home game will be on Jan. 23 against Paris Junior College. The women's team should be heavily favored given the fact that Paris has had a struggling year in conference play with a record of 5-5. Though their overall record is two games over .500 at 11-9, it seems like they can't get the same results in conference play as they did before it started. So this match up should go as the numbers indicate -- in favor of the lady Apaches.

With nine games left in the regular 2015-2016 season, now would be as great time for the lady Apaches to take off and go on a winning streak to carry them into the post season -- likely at a number one seed.

The lady Apaches should look to take some high momentum into the playoffs this season.

# Cam Newton joins Superbowl elites

With the Superbowl coming up this Sunday, featuring one of the leagues best quarterbacks this year



Nick Vaughn  
Sports Editor

in Cam Newton. And Monday being February 1st and black history month we should look back at the first black quarterback to play in a Superbowl which was Douglas Lee "Doug" Williams. Who led the Washington Redskins to a win against the Denver Broncos 42-10.

Though Williams was not the starter the Redskins many of the teams veterans preferred Williams as the teams starting quarterback. In his only two starts of the season against Atlanta Falcons and the Los Angeles Rams both resulted in a loss, when the stage was biggest Williams came through for his team.

Williams would go on to win Superbowl MVP as he threw for 340 yards and four touchdowns. Since Williams time at the Superbowl, the only other

black quarterbacks to reach the Superbowl are Steve McNair, Donovan McNabb, Colin Kaepernick, and Russell Wilson who went to back-to-back Superbowls. And this year Cam Newton added his name to the list of select black quarterback to make it to the Superbowl, after having what was a coming out party into the leagues elite quarterbacks. Cam had personal best in all categories this season and only looks to keep improving and having fun while doing it. Now if he can win it the list will become even shorter, which consist of Doug Williams and Russell Wilson. Though the odds are against Cam to win the Superbowl, he doesn't mind. He just wants to be known as a great quarterback in the NFL, and not to be classified as a black quarterback.

# Apache basketball chasing the playoff hunt and national dreams

By Nick Vaughn  
Sports Editor

Then men's Apache basketball team didn't exactly have a jolly winter break this year. In fact, you might say that all they ended up with was coal.

Out of their seven games over the break, the team only managed to win two and lost the other five. There just wasn't a consistent feeling about their time on break. In fact, it seems like the team was more on a winter break like the rest of us instead of playing ball for the winter.

Not all was bad while the students were away though. While the men's team did lose five games only three were

by 10 or more points and the other two were by single digits. The game could have gone either way with a little better execution.

In the teams two wins, it was the opposite case where they won, against Houston Community College - Southwest and Bossier Parish community college, who both don't seem to make any type of run deep into the post season this year.

Winning one game by 10 points and the next by seven. Those games could have gone the other way as well, given the fact that the team had a little better success with their execution than their opponents.

Some could say, "How did we struggle with those teams?" or "Why didn't we win by a bigger margin?" This could bring

up some concerns even though a win is a win, there is something to be said when you struggle with teams that you are expected to beat. And it goes without saying that you have to win games to reach the championship. So, losing 5 of 7 games during the time that school was out just can't happen if, in fact, there are championship goals at the end of the season. In that case it would be quite strange given the success the team had last year. You would want to build on that and go even deeper into the post season. The Apache's next home game is Jan. 30th against Kilgore, who has an overall record of 14-6 but also seems to have struggled during the winter

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Feb. 17 @ Coastal Bend College

### Men's Baseball

Feb. 6 vs. Frank Phillips College

Feb. 10 vs. McLennan

Community College

Feb. 13 vs. Angelina College

Feb. 15 @ Brookhaven College

### Women's Tennis

Feb. 6 @ Lamar University

Feb. 7 @ McNeese State University

Feb. 12 vs. TBA

Feb. 16 vs. St. Edwards University

### Women's Softball

Feb. 6 vs. Vernon College

Feb. 10 vs. Georgia Highlands College

Feb. 13 vs. Temple College

Feb. 14 vs. Iowa Western CC

Feb. 17 vs. Weatherford College

### Men's Basketball

Feb. 6 @ Bossier Parish CC

Feb. 10 vs. Navarro College

Feb. 13 vs. Trinity Valley CC

Feb. 17 @ Paris Junior College

### Women's Basketball

Feb. 6 @ Bossier Parish CC

Feb. 10 @ Blinn College

For more information on scheduling, games or teams go to:

[Apacheathletics.com](http://Apacheathletics.com)

## Basketball

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break winning only one more game than our Apache did. They seem to be heading back on the right track after their last win against Paris junior college 80-76.

Before our Apaches go up against Kilgore, they will travel to Paris, Texas to face Paris Junior College this Saturday. With both teams coming off a loss of somewhat close games, we should look for a good game this weekend as both teams look to get back to their winning ways as the regular season is closing out fast and the post season is approaching faster every week.

The men's basketball team is currently 12-9 and has at least a month left in their regular season, but could last up to six weeks if they can pull out of this rut and go back on a winning streak to make it the national tournament.



Photo by Nick Vaughn

**COACH EM UP!** Ronnie Stacy (12) heads to the sidelines to get the game plan from coach during a dead ball situation.



# Valentine's Day on a budget

## How to melt their heart, not your wallet



By Rachal Gilbert  
Verve Editor

With Valentine's Day right around the corner, it's important to start thinking about what you can do to celebrate the evening without breaking the bank.

Print up a scavenger hunt. Take your valentine to the mall, park or any public place and bring along a scavenger hunt. Websites like Pinterest often have printable hunts or ideas to inspire you to create your own list. See who can find the most items on your list and have a great time doing it.

Disposable Camera Date. Walk around downtown and ask strangers to take pictures of you with a disposable camera, take some selfies or show off your photography skills. After the roll has been used up, take it to be developed. Some stores have a long wait time and some have as little as one-hour development. You can pick up your photos and create an album to give to your loved one as a gift for the next date or a future anniversary.

Tyler Rose Garden. The Tyler Rose Garden is open daily for viewing. There are hundreds of different roses to see in full bloom -- a very romantic setting for you and your sweetheart. There is also a Rose Museum that you can tour and learn about the history of Tyler, Texas for a small admission price.

Volunteer at a local animal shelter. This is not only a great way to give back to the community, but you get to spend time with adorable animals and your crush. Information on SPCA of East Texas or Pets Fur People can be found online.

Take a walk in the park. Rose Rudman park is located on Donnybrook Avenue and is a choose-your-own-length walking trail. Accompanied by many maps, this well-maintained path has short, medium and long trails to choose from. A walk through nature is a wonderful way to get to know someone and see some beautiful sights.

Go googly-eye bombing. Take a walk around town and find some public spaces that need some googly-eyes. Take pictures of your googly-eyed adventure and see who made the funniest face at the end of the day.

Go star-gazing. Go out on a blanket and look at the stars. Make up constellations or see if you can find real ones. Cloud-gazing is a romantic adventure as well. If going out into nature to see the stars isn't an option during the winter, try taking a trip to the Center for Earth and Space Science Education at TJC. CESSE has many exhibits and programs that are held at the center, located on TJC's campus. CESSE is open Tuesday through Saturday. More information about events and times can be found at <http://www.tjc.edu/cesse/>.



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**THE TYLER ROSE GARDEN** The Rose Garden offers a serene place to bring your boo.



Photo by Rachal Gilbert

**BE MINE** Valentine's Day is right around the corner, but these creative date ideas can be used any time of the year to help keep dating fun and different.





# TJC dean appears on TV again following 1993 murder case

By Haley Huston  
Editor-in-Chief

Jason Waller has appeared in front of the camera several times over the years because of his career in the police force, but the appearances haven't stopped since he became a member of TJC faculty in 1994.

Waller, acting dean of professional and technical programs, appeared in an episode of "Vanity Fair Confidential" on Jan. 18 on the Investigation Discovery Channel featuring a crime which he was lead investigator on over 20 years ago. Centered around the kidnapping and murder of Nicholas West in November of 1993, Waller explained why this case has received so much attention over the years.

Earlier that Fall, in September, Texas added sexual orientation to violations which were classified as a hate crime. Nicholas West was a gay man who was kidnapped and murdered for his sexual preferences, as many believed.

"The thing about this particular case was it was the first murder after that law changed," Waller said. "But as I said to them, it was one of the things that didn't get aired. But I said it back then and I'll say it to you now, this was a capital murder in Texas. The orientation of Nick West's sexual preferences never really factored into our investigation."



Courtesy Photo

## TJC FACULTY AND ON SCREEN REGULAR

Jason Waller teaches class and is now a dean, but is still interviewed on camera for some very high profile cases from his detective days.

is sitting there with the camera over his shoulder and he is talking to me and I didn't really look at the camera."

**"It was hard in a couple places. we went to remotes sites, to Bergfeld park and the kill site."**

-Jason Waller

Dean of professionals and technical programs, Tyler Junior Colleges

This case and other very high profile murders that Waller worked in his 14 years at the Smith County Sheriff's Department have resulted in him being interviewed by nearly every major news network and been featured in shows such as ABC's "Primetime Live" and WE channel's "Women Behind Bars".

Waller's television appearances started much closer to home with press coverage of the police and was featured in KLTN's segment "It's 10 o'clock, do you know where your children are?" along with a forensics segment on KTRK.

"It was hard in a couple places," Waller said, talking about filming with the ID channel. "We went to remote sites, to Bergfeld Park and to the kill site, because in the interview, the producer, Marty,

All his time on camera has paid off, because Waller got one shot in three-takes, which is not very common, but he says that this "isn't his first rodeo."

Waller jokingly commented that, with a little practice, he could be on camera regularly, but the reading from the teleprompter would be the most difficult skill to learn.

Waller was also included in a couple of documentaries, one of which was filmed by popular filmmaker Marty \_\_\_\_\_. They spent two weeks working together and Waller says that he was one of his favorite people to work with.

Waller explains that he has been privileged to work these cases and doesn't believe that any of it is lucky, because the exposure did happen after people lost their lives.

# The Revenant

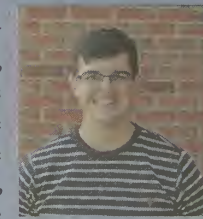
## Movie Review

People are losing their minds over this movie, apparently. The reviews (crazed ramblings, more like) about this movie were of the most passionate, ardent reviews I'd seen since Whiplash- a movie which I also lost sanity over, so I was hoping The Revenant would institutionalize me. It didn't.

**Plot:** So, the premise is that Hugh Glass (Leonardo DiCaprio) is a frontiersman in the 1820s who must fight for survival in the North American wilderness and avenge his son's death... Oh, and he gets the living hell beaten out of him by a grizzly.

**My Lovely Opinion:** First of all, it certainly wasn't a bad movie. The acting was DEFINITELY one of the good parts. In fact, the acting was some of the best I've ever seen. It's like the actors were heavenly angels sent from the skies to perform in this film.

The next thing I liked was that this movie didn't simply stick to the basics when it came to cinematography. It wasn't ONLY an action movie, nor was it strictly a dramatic movie. It had bouts of fighting - both humans and bears - mixed in with eye-candy shots of the Canadian and Montanan scenery. In one minute, you'd be staring at a majestic snowy landscape, and in the next, you'll be observing bloody



Marshall Cearfoss  
News Editor

Canadians screaming and stabbing a bear, and the bear would be responding with "RAWR, EH!"

Now let's briefly talk about the parts I didn't care for. The plotline was kind of basic. Son gets killed, the father sets out in an attempt to avenge son's death, [insert some spoiler material], the end. It was such a plain, ordinary idea for a movie dripping with so much potential. Lastly, I know I've mentioned the whole bear thing a lot, but it was a pretty important event in the film- an event which was simultaneously awesome yet also painfully disappointing at the same time. The awesome: It was a freaking bear attack.

The disappointing: The CGI (the not real things) was.... It just wasn't as sanity-destroying (yes, it's good when a movie destroys my sanity. It helps with the voices.) as people claimed it to be. Don't get me wrong, it wasn't opening-scene-of-Age-of-Ultron kind of bad CGI, it was good... enough.

In conclusion, I'd give The Revenant a 5 out of 7. In my mind, that is almost a perfect score.

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# Aerotablas son riesgo de incendio y siguen en el college

Por Haley Huston  
Editora en jefe

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Photo editor

Después de haber demostrado un riesgo de incendio, prohibido llevar en los aviones y más de 30 universidades en todo el país, aerotabla todavía se encuentran en el campus y dormitorios de aquí, en TJC.

Aerotablas eran el regalo más vendido este pasada Navidad, pero después de varios informes de ellas habla acerca de que se incendian; Amazon envió una alerta, y este producto fue objeto de investigación.

La comisión de seguridad de productos de consumo de Estados Unidos ha publicado declaraciones que confirman una investig-

estacionamientos.

"En este momento estamos a la espera para ver que pasa, hemos oído algunos de estos informes nacionales sobre las baterías que se prenden en fuego," dijo el jefe de policía del campus, Randy Melton. "no sabemos lo suficiente sobre esto, esto pasa en ciertas marcas, si hay diferentes marcas o modelos, o ciertos tipos de baterías, no hemos tendo una notificación a la ofensiva y obligatoria que se haya reportado en el campus."

Varios estudiantes en el campus que tienen aerotabletas viven en el campus, pero ellos no creen que haya algún peligro o alguna preocupacion, como Tajaun Salahuddin.

"Creo que son exagerados y muchos de ellos son por sólo envidia, porque no tienen uno" dijo Salahuddin. "por lo que ellos van a decir "No quiero una de esas, explotan de todos modos"

Salahuddin

consiguió un aerotablata durante las vacaciones de Navidad, el la guarda y la recarga en su habitación de la residencia y no cree que las nuevas reglas vayan a cambiar eso.

"No creo que [la prohibición] vaya a suceder, a menos que un incendio grande ocurra", dijo Salahuddin. "Creo que es un estereotipo apresurado porque no tienen conocimiento de primera mano sobre ella, ni conocimiento de segunda mano a ella. Alguien en Internet dijo que no le gustaba y ahora a ellos les gusta, esta bien, esto ocurrió en algún lugar del mundo, pero no aquí."

Los college que han prohibido aerotabletas hicieron un montón de investigación antes de llegar a esa conclusión.

ación para desanimar a la gente de comprarlos y venderlos por los minoristas y seguir el ejemplo de amazon y parar su venta.

"En CPSC, nuestros instigadores e ingenieros continúan trabajando diligentemente para encontrar la causa que produce el fuego de los aerotabletas, que se han producido en todo el país," Elliot F. Kay, dijo en un comunicado difundido por la red.

Aunque las causas de que espontáneamente estallen las llamas aún se desconoce, muchos argumentan que las baterías de iones de litio utilizadas en ellos, son el problema.

"Personal CSPC se centra en los componentes de los paquetes de baterías de iones de litio, así como la interacción con las placas de circuito", dice Kaye. Hay ciertas tecnologías de seguridad que esperamos que estas unidades tengan para evitar el sobrecalentamiento y la combustión potencial.

Estas tecnologías de seguridad son muy comunes y se encuentran en la mayoría de los teléfonos celulares y computadoras. La política actual de TJC permite que las aerotabletas sean utilizadas dentro del campus, al rededor de los edificios en las aceras y

**"No creo que [la prohibición] va a suceder aquí a menos que un incidente grande ocurra"**

-Tajuan Salahuddin  
dueno de aerotabla, residente de Ornelas

**"Así como la interacción con las placas de circuito"**

-Elliot F. Kay

Texas A & M University - El Comercio les envío a estudiantes un correo electrónico el 26 de enero, haciéndoles saber la posesión, uso, recarga y almacenamiento de aerotabletas estaba prohibido en todas las propiedades del campus tanto propios y a los arrendadores.



Foto tomada por Haley Huston

**TAJAUN SALAHUDDIN BALANCEANDOSE EN SU AEROTABLA DENTRO DE LA LIBRERIA** Saluhuddin, residente de Ornelas, demostrando sus habilidades de coordinacion y balance.

"Hubo varias discusiones y varios informes, estoy seguro que has visto a través de los medios de comunicación nacional o local, lo que desató un debate sobre aerotabletas," dijo Derek Preas; director de la oficina de proyecto universitario comercio. "teniendo en cuenta que era uno de los mejores regalos de Navidad este año. empezamos a buscar por los informes que llegaban de Bomberos, de la NDA, del consejo de seguridad de productos de consumo y sobre las grandes entidades de todo el país."

"Nos pareció que estaba justificado suficiente información para registrar preocu-

ación. Después de que nos tomamos todos estos informes para la proyección de nuestros propiedad de la universidad, ocupantes e inversores; para hacer la prohibición en este momento"

El tema de los aerotabletas fue discutido por varios departamentos de comercio, incluido el personal de categoría superior, el presidente y vicepresidente de la universidad; aprendizaje residencial y personal que vive, oficina de proyectos de la universidad y el departamento de seguridad.

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# AEROTABLAS

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"Fue un largo tiempo en llegar, empezamos este hace un año" dijo Preas. "Empezamos a llenarlo y una vez que vimos un par de informes, empezamos a buscar en ella. no fue un impulso del momento de decisiones fue un período de casi un año. "Después de que el tema se convirtió lo suficientemente grave, que comenzaron a

## "Hemos oído que algunos de estos informes nacionales de las baterías que se prenden en fuego"

-Randy Melton

buscar más cerca en él antes de tomar una decisión amplia por la universidad.

"Fueron tres departamentos, mi departamento, departamento de policía y RLL que comenzó a buscar hace unos meses" dijo Preas. Hace alrededor de un mes nos trajo un informe a nuestro personal ejecutivo "que era una combinación de al menos ocho meses."

"Nuestra política con aerotablas son los mismos que con las bicicletas y patinetas" dijo el director adjunto de la vivienda Aukse Harris, en un comunicado. "Siempre y cuando no se están utilizando en los pasillos estamos bien con ellos, los

estudiantes pueden almacenarlos en sus habitaciones también." se ha argumentado que los aerotablas son convenientes y ayudan a los estudiantes lleguen a clase a tiempo, pero a un riesgo evidente.

"Vemos la distancia del campus entre nuestros edificios y hay un corto período de tiempo entre las clases" dijo Melton. esto ayuda a conveniencia a nuestros estudiantes a llegar de un lugar a otro. esto les ayuda a llegar a clase a tiempo.

Esa es una de nuestras razones para permitir estos. Se permiten los aerotablas a utilizar, siempre y cuando los pilotos esten siendo precavidos y conscientes de su entorno. Accidentes siguen siendo un riesgo tanto los quetiene una. "Una chica se puso delante de mí mientras yo iba bastante rápido" dijo Salahuddin.

Esto no alteró la visión de Salahuddin en su aerotabla en lo más mínimo y admitió que los informes no fueron suficientes para obligarlo a hacer cualquier investigación sobre el mismo. "Todavía no me importa" dijo Salahuddin, "si se explota o se incendia mientras yo estoy montando, espero que alguien lo registra, así se vería

## Otra alternativa de las Aerotablas, unica y no se incendia

El estudiante Ryan Hall, regresa del receso de navidad con su nuevo medio de transporte ame back from Christmas break with a transportation que no es una Aerotable ni tiene el riesgo de incedndiarse .

"Yo queria algo como la Aerotabla, pero despues la encuentre y la compare con una Aerotabla, tu no tienes porque preocuparte por la bateria ni se incendia," dijo Hall.

El finalizo su compra de su patineta por hammacher.com y pago por debajo de \$200 dolares. Es una combinacion de una biciletan, moto y monopatin, mucha gente le pregun-

ta a Hall que es eso .

"Casi todo el mundo me pregunta al respecto," dijo Hall

Hall es muy feliz con su tabla e incluso cree que es más fácil de aprender y usar que la Aerotabla.

"Parece más difícil, y la mayoría de la gente quiere aferrarse al mango para empezar, pero no lo tiene que hacer," dijo Hall

El dijo que es cuestión de equilibrio y sugirió practicar con los brazos abiertos.

A menudo trae su tabla al salon y por lo general demuestra cuando se le pregunta.

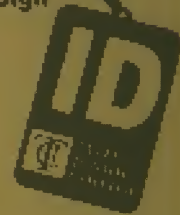


Forto de Haley Huston

**OTRA ALTERNATIVA DE LAS AEROTABLAS MUCHO MAS SEGURAS DE INCENDIARSE** Ryan Hall demostro su estilo de la tabla Slalom que obtuvo de hammacher.com

# Student/Employee Lanyard Policy:

1. Lanyards must be worn around the neck while on campus, and the ID card must be clearly visible at all times, unless it should be removed for safety reasons or an approved ADA variance.
2. Any lanyard is acceptable, but it must be similar in design and worn in the same manner as the official college lanyard. The color of the lanyard is not critical.
3. No one will be allowed into class without wearing his or her ID/lanyard.
4. Students who do not have their ID/Lanyards may pick up a Day Pass at the Campus Safety Office, Campus Safety Substation located at the Rogers Student Center or from a TJQ Ambassador. The first Day Pass each semester is free of charge. For all subsequent Day Passes a \$5.00 cost recovery charge will be billed to the student's account.
5. Employees may obtain a Day ID/Lanyard from their respective Dean's or Director's office.



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# Campus

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Said Carver. Carver discussed how living at home in Lindale, which is a forty-minute drive from TJC, means he has to maintain more of a consistent schedule.

"Honestly, being at home and having to wake up that much earlier kind of gives me an edge of, like, more structure. Because whenever I was at the dorms I was like, oh I can cut it this close. But while I'm at home, I am able to say I need to be up at six o'clock and set up things I need to do, and it gives much more of a structure to my modus operandi, or it has so far," said Carver.

He also talked about the convenience of the cafeteria.

"I don't know if I liked it being forced - but I did really appreciate the access to the lunch room," Carver explained, "Living at home and not having that addition, I've been going out to eat with my friends like every single day, and honestly it's been considerably more costly. I used to fill up my car maybe once every two or so weeks, and now I fill it up almost twice a week. It's not bad, but gas is much more of a considerable factor now."

Carver's dislike of driving extended farther than just fuel.

"I have to say, and this is just global," he continued, "the driving is very scary. I didn't have to worry about that [in the dorms], I could just walk. I'd walk across the street, and that was the biggest fear. But now I have people just bumper-to-bumper, switching seven lanes across, doing whatever the heck they want- having that im-

minent danger at any given second."

Rebecca Perry, a TJC student who used to live on campus, but now lives in an apartment with a roommate, added a few more perspective points to living on campus.

"It was a transition period, I feel like," said Perry. "From being in a home with parents that watch you and things like that to a place that still has rules and visitation hours and things like that."

Perry doesn't think living in the dorms should be a long term solution and explained some of her praises and complaints of living completely independently.

"It's a little less convenient if you need to do a lot of things on campus, but more convenient if you want to have an off-campus job," said Perry. "There's no visitation restrictions so you can pretty much do whatever."

Perry explains that she enjoys the freedom, but it's not all fun and games.

"It's a stretch into adulthood, living on your own opposed to living in a place where you have your meal plan and everything paid for in advance so that you don't have to worry about bills or water or electricity or anything like that," said Perry. "But whenever you live off campus, you have to get into the routine of paying bills. It's like a step up into being a grown up, I guess."

For more information, Housing's contact information is 903-510-2345, or [housing@tjc.edu](mailto:housing@tjc.edu). Or go to [www.tjc.edu/housing](http://www.tjc.edu/housing).



Photo by David Torres

**GETTING READY FOR THE TRIP HOME AFTER CLASS** Brent Lewis gets into his truck after finishing up a night class on campus and start the 20 minute drive to Lindale where he lives with his parents rent free.

## SPRING 2016 EVENTS

All events are free for students with a valid TJC ID

### JANUARY

Jan. 19 - 30

Weeks of Welcome

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### MARCH

March 1

Bingo and Save A Life Tour

March 14 - 18

50-Gallon

Challenge

March 16

Girl/Guy Code

March 23

Open Mic Night

March 31

Dance

### FEBRUARY

Feb. 2

Bingo

Feb. 17

Open Mic Night ft. Lakin

Feb. 23

Movie on the Lawn

Feb. 25

Blood Drive

### APRIL

April 5

Bingo

April 13

Open Mic Night

April 19 - 20

Student Senate Elections

April 21

Student Leadership

Banquet

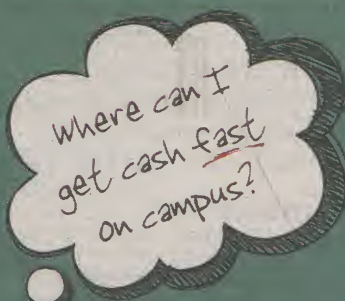
April 27

Spring Fling

April 28

Blood Drive

For more information about our events, visit [tjc.edu/events](http://tjc.edu/events) or contact us at 903-510-2797 or [studentlife@tjc.edu](mailto:studentlife@tjc.edu)



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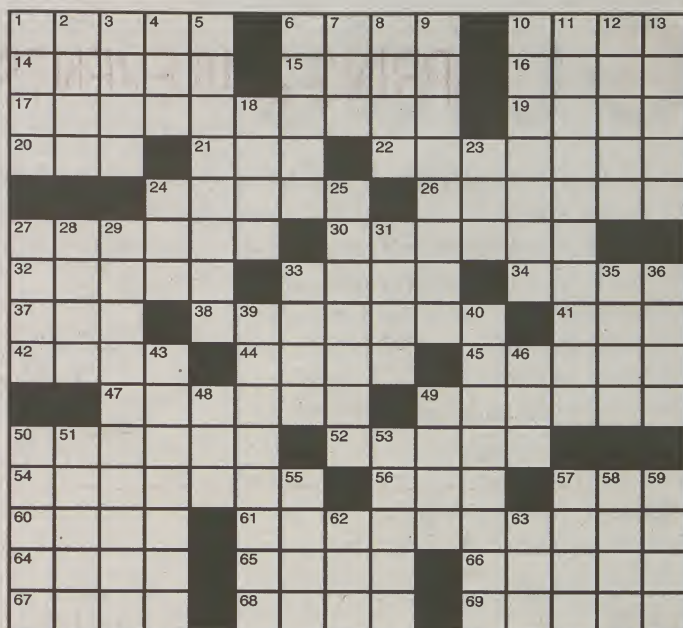
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# ACROSS

- 1 Diplomat Henry Lodge
- 6 Former Ford division, briefly
- 10 "Kindly let us know," on invites
- 14 Like a noisy stadium
- 15 Length times width
- 16 Israeli airline
- 17 \*The president's annual salary, e.g.
- 19 Lily that's Utah's state flower
- 20 Mary cosmetics
- 21 Agree silently
- 22 Avoid shipping out?
- 24 Electrically connected
- 26 Weds in secret
- 27 Kind of football kick
- 30 Prairie dog or squirrel
- 32 Brown photo tone
- 33 Long skirt
- 34 Carpe \_\_\_\_: seize the day
- 37 Hawaii's Mauna \_\_\_\_
- 38 Pool diving area ... and, literally, what the start of each answer to a starred clue can be
- 41 Dean's list fig.
- 42 How some audiobooks are recorded
- 44 Prayer ending
- 45 Autumn shade
- 47 Pencil mark remover
- 49 PC memos
- 50 Say yes (to)
- 52 Arabian Peninsula country
- 54 Thick fog metaphor
- 56 Prefix with east or west
- 57 Comedian Margaret
- 60 X-ray units
- 61 \*Prince film featuring "When Doves Cry"
- 64 "Understood"
- 65 Flanged fastener



By Robert E. Lee Morris

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- 66 It's measured in degrees
- 67 "Why don't we?"
- 68 "\_\_\_\_dokey!"
- 69 1971 Eric Clapton hit

# DOWN

- 1 Wine barrel
- 2 Operatic solo
- 3 Squarish, as some cars
- 4 Lummo
- 5 \_\_\_\_ and Tobago: West Indies nation
- 6 "All in the Family" spin-off
- 7 Make a typo, say
- 8 "Cheers" actor Roger
- 9 Redeemed, as casino chips
- 10 English translation of the start of 10-Across
- 11 "Sweet dreams"
- 12 Unclear
- 13 Lands heavily
- 18 2000 Bush opponent
- 23 Pub potable
- 24 Nintendo game system
- 25 Window treatment
- 27 Capital of Norway

# Saturday's Puzzle Solved

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- 28 Gas used in signs
- 29 "Scatterbrain"
- 31 Team on the farm
- 33 Viral video, e.g.
- 35 Fencing sword
- 36 Fourth planet
- 39 Approach cautiously
- 40 Fait accompli
- 43 Puts on clothes
- 46 "Vaya \_\_\_\_ Dios"
- 48 Commotion
- 49 Actor Jannings
- 50 Tax deadline month
- 51 Put an end to
- 53 "E" on a gas gauge
- 55 Rock genre
- 57 Clever
- 58 Sledding slope
- 59 Most fit for military duty
- 62 Regret
- 63 Genetic stuff

# SUDOKU

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# SOLUTION TO LAST WEEK'S PUZZLE

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Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box (in bold borders) contains every digit, 1 to 9. For strategies on how to solve Sudoku, visit [www.sudoku.org.uk](http://www.sudoku.org.uk)

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# Events Guide

## National Wear Red Day

Heart disease kills 1 in 3 women, but together, we can save lives. The American Heart Association's National Wear Red Day is Friday, Feb. 5. Raise awareness and show your support: wear red and share on your social media profiles (tag your pictures #GoRed). Visit [www.goredforwomen.org/wear-red-day](http://www.goredforwomen.org/wear-red-day) for FREE printable materials.

## Tailgate Party

Enjoy free samplings of Fredericksburg Farms' dips, sauces, salsa and cheese balls, available for purchase at Daily Grace Effect on Feb. 6 from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m., to make you the host/hostess with the easiest, most delicious party favorites on Game Day. Daily Grace Effects also carries gifts, handmade soaps and classy fashion apparel. A percentage of proceeds go to Refuge of Light to fight human trafficking. This event is located at 300 W. Rusk Tyler, Texas.

## Future Fest 2016

On Feb. 6, Click's Live! Will host Future Fest 2016. This event is open to all ages and doors open from 7 p.m.-12:30 a.m. For those who do not know, Click's Live is located on 1946 E Southeast Loop 323 Tyler, Texas 75701.

## Justin Bravo & The Kind

On Feb. 6, Half Moon Grill & Saloon will have Justin Bravo & The Kind performing live at 8 p.m.. Half Moon Grill is located on 16884 FM 2493 Tyler, Texas.

## Grub Burger Bar Grand Opening

Grub Burger Bar in Tyler is having its grand opening on Feb. 9 at 11 a.m.. This event will be located at 6421 South Broadway Tyler, Texas 75703.

## Singles Pool Tournament

Singles pool tournament on Feb. 11 in the Rec center in RSC from 5 p.m. - 7 p.m.. It's free to play, just show up to sign in.

## The Roomsounds

There's a reason legions of young rock fans fall in love with their parents' records. It's the same reason so many radio stations still play classic rock: Great music never gets old. Dallas foursome, The Roomsounds, have studied those classics and will showcase their talent on the deck of Stanley's Famous Pit BBQ in Tyler on Feb. 12. Doors open at 8 p.m. and the show starts at 9 p.m.. Tickets are \$5 at the door.

## Spring 1st 8-week Midterms

Be prepared and study because on Feb. 12, midterms for the first spring 8-week term will take place.

## Valentine Pet Photos

Get your dog's professional photo taken for a good cause by 3 Dogs and a Cat Photography on Feb. 13. Life With Pets will host this event and they are located at 300 W. Rusk St. Cost is donation to SPCA East Texas. Go to [www.alifewithpets.com](http://www.alifewithpets.com) for more information.

## Catfish Row

On Feb. 13, there will be a flea market in downtown Jacksonville known as Catfish Row. They are also looking for Domino players; young or old. There is a fee of \$5 to play in the tournament and they need 8 teams to kick off the first tournament.

## Coffee and Cars

Downtown Tyler is gathering automotive enthusiasts who meet and share their passion for cars on Feb. 14 from 9-11 a.m.. Go to [www.Facebook.com/coffeeandcarstyler](http://www.Facebook.com/coffeeandcarstyler) for more info.

## Spring 12-week Term

Classes for the spring 12-week term begin Feb. 15.

## Student Senate Meeting

On Feb. 16, Student Senate General Assembly meetings will be in Jenkins Hall, room 1109 at 4 p.m.

## Social Media and Job Search

Social media is not just for your personal life. It is part of your professional life, too! Career Services will share information you need to know regarding how social media can effectively be used in a job search; as well as how it can negatively affect your job search, in the Quest classroom on Feb. 16 and 17 from 3:30 p.m.-5 p.m. This session will primarily cover Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and LinkedIn. For more information, contact Career Services at 903-510-2334 or visit [www.tjc.edu/careerservices](http://www.tjc.edu/careerservices)

## AAC OPEN MIC

Show us your talent or simply sit back and enjoy the diverse talent our student population has to offer while enjoying our guest artist, Lakin, on Feb. 17 at 7 p.m.-9 p.m. in RSC. For more info please contact Center for Student Life Office at 903-510-2797.

## Grease

Liberty Hall will be playing Grease sing-a-long on Feb. 18 at 7 p.m.. Liberty Hall is located at 103 E Erwin.

## Folk Family Revival

Stanley's Famous Pit BBQ is hosting a throwback to a time when Southern rock and psychedelic music dominated the airwaves, they may be best described as a psychedelic folk-country rock and roll band. Tickets are \$5 at the door, and they open at 8 p.m. on Feb. 19.

## BSA's Courtyard Madness

On Feb. 20, BSA is hosting Courtyard Madness at 10 a.m. in the OHPE center.

## Community Health Fair

Free community health fair offering a variety of health screenings, preventive care information in addition to spiritual counsel, advising and prayer. This event is for the entire family. Please come out and take advantage of these great benefits

whether you have good insurance, little insurance or no insurance on Saturday, Feb. 20 from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.. This event is located on 1415 W. 29th Street Tyler, Texas 75702.

## African-American History and Culture Lecture

Texas artist Ted Ellis will be in the Tyler Museum of Art on Feb. 21 at 2 p.m.

## Trash Pick-up

Help fulfill promise #3 and attend Student Senate's quarterly Adopt-A-Highway Trash Pick Up from 3 - 5 p.m. To RSVP for the event, do so through OrgSync on the Student Senate Calendar.

## Movie on the Lawn

Sit back and watch a movie with a group of friends. This event will be on Feb. 23 from 8 p.m.-10:30 p.m. on the intramural field, and it is weather dependant. In case of rain or severe cold, the movie will be played in the Apache Rooms. Movie is Selma.

## Spring Musical: 'The Drowsy Chaperone'

The TJC spring musical, "The Drowsy Chaperone," runs Wednesday-Saturday, Feb. 24-27 in Wise Auditorium at 7:30 p.m.. For reservations, call the TJC Box Office at 903-510-2212.

## Doubles Pool Tournament

Doubles Pool Tournament on Feb. 25 in the Rec Center from 5 - 7 a.m. Just show up at the start time to sign up.

## Blood Drive

Do you bleed black and gold? Stop by the Blood Drive on the second floor of RSC from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. to donate blood.

## Liberty Hall

Liberty Hall has many things coming up. Interested in learning more? Go to their website to find out what fun plans they have coming up soon. [www.libertytyler.com](http://www.libertytyler.com)